

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണ മേനോൻ: എയിഡ് വേണ്ടെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു തുടങ്ങിയിട്ടുള്ളതു അധികവും ലോവർ സെക്കണ്ടറി സ്കൂളുകളോ പ്രൈമറി സ്കൂളുകളോ? രാവു സാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: രണ്ടും ഉണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണ മേനോൻ: ഏതായിരിക്കും കൂടുതൽ? രാവു സാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: കൂടുതൽ പ്രൈമറി സ്കൂളുകളായിരിക്കുമെന്നാണ് തോന്നുന്നത്.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur):** Is there any provision for English Primary Schools as aid this year?

**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction):** What really happens with regard to English Schools is that a certain amount of money is set apart as a lump allotment and we distribute it irrespective of any consideration of its income and other consideration. But in the case of Vernacular Primary Schools, we are giving them regular aid according to the rules.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur):** Have you allotted any amount to the Muslim School at Mattancheri?

**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction):** I want to notice.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur):** You want notice to say whether any amount has been allotted to this School.

**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction):** That school is in receipt of a lump grant, but whether it is for Elementary Section or Primary Section, I cannot say without notice.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur):** So the Government are already giving some grant.

**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction):** Yes.

#### PERMANENT CHEMISTRY DEMONSTRATOR—LEAVE OF

**261. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam):** Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) when did the permanent demonstrator in Chemistry of the Maharaja's College apply for leave necessitating the appointment of one K. V. Antony as the demonstrator by the Staff Selection Board;

(b) when was the leave sanctioned;

(c) when was the leave availed of by the permanent demonstrator;

(d) when did he come and rejoin duty;

(e) when was this matter reported by (i) the Principal of the Maharaja's College and (ii) by the Director of Public Instruction;

(f) when did the Government notify in the Gazette of this vacancy;

(g) when was the appointment order despatched?

**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction):** (a) No permanent demonstrator in the Chemistry Department went on leave.

(b)–(g) No answer is necessary.

#### GRANT-IN-AID DISPENSARIES

**262. Mr. K. Kunjirama Menon (Cheruthuruthi):** Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) of the total amount of the grant made to the grant-in-aid dispensaries of the State, what amount is ear-marked for medicines;

(b) is the Government charging the medicines so supplied at controlled price;

(c) what is the controlled price of quinine;

(d) what is the Government charging the dispensaries for quinine?

**Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer):** (a) Rs. 600 a year for each grant-in-aid dispensary.

(b) No. The rate for the supply of medicines, etc. was fixed long before prices were controlled by Government and supply to each grant-in-aid dispensary was begun by the middle of November 1943. The drug Control Order came into effect only from 5th January 1944.

(c) Quinine is not given in the list of medicines controlled by the Government. The cost, however, of this drug charged by the Government varied from Rs. 45 per pound exclusive of packing and transport charges and freight from Bombay to Rs. 25 per pound F.O.R. Calcutta.

(d) At the rate of Rs. 4 per ounce.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (Nellayi):** When was this amount, Rs. 600, fixed; in which year was this amount fixed for each dispensary?

**Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer):** Just over a year ago, in 1118.  
**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (Nellayi):** When the price of medicine was much lower?

**Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer):** No. The rate has been revised.

**Mr. C. J. Mathew (Joint Secretary to Government):** It was Rs. 360 before.

#### MENTAL HOSPITAL—FACILITIES FOR PATIENTS.

**263. Mrs. K. Joshua (Trichur-Women):** Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the existing facilities for patients in the Mental Hospital in the matter of food, medical attendance, clothing and other necessities;

(b) do the Government contemplate the introduction of any changes in the existing arrangements?

**Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer):**

(a) All possible facilities are provided for patients in the Mental Hospital in the matter of food, medical attendance, clothing and other necessities.

(b) Not at present; but this question will be considered when the Medical Officer deputed for training in the Mental Hospital, Madras, takes up the work in the Trichur Mental Hospital.

**Mr. Joseph Pettah (Adur):** Granting that all possible facilities are given, will the Government be pleased to say what exactly the facilities that are given, that is the question.

**Mr. Presidet:** Will the Hon'ble Member ask about any particular facility that interest him?

**Mr. Joseph Pettah (Adur):** The facilities are, say food. What food is being given?

**Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer):** They get much better food than even the ordinary patient in the other hospitals.

**Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri):** What is the amount provided for in the budget for food.

**Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer):** I want notice.

**Mrs. K. Joshua (Trichur-Women):** Are any beds provided for the patients in the Mental Hospital?

**Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer):** That is not always possible. This question and various others will be taken up when the Medical Officer who has been sent to Madras for special training returns.

**Mrs. K. Joshua (Trichur-Women):** When do you expect him to come back after training.

**Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer):** In about 3 months.

**Mr. P. P. Devassy (Trichur-South):** So, is it the position that till he returns after training, there is nobody here to advise what all improvements are necessary in the Mental Hospital.

**Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer):** Not at all.

**Mr. P. P. Devassy (Trichur-South):** Then what is the necessity for waiting till he returns.

**Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer):** Various changes have to be made. It is to be recognised that various improvements have to be made and this is the reason why a special man has been sent for training, so that when he returns he can take up this matter in all details and improve the conditions there.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam):** Will the Government be pleased to shift the Mental Hospital to some agricultural area and give scope for agricultural occupations to these lunatics.

**Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri):** In the matter of food, what is the amount that is usually provided for a patient a day. How do you calculate?

**Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer):** Just some where about 4 annas; that is only approximate.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri):** In the note to the Standing Finance Committee, it was stated that it was about 2 annas per individual.

**Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer):** Yes, that is for the ordinary patient of the General Hospital and not for patients in Mental Hospital.

**Mrs. K. Joshua (Trichur-Women):** May I know whether there is any objection to provide a few beds for the less insane patients.

**Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer):** There is no provision just now. The question of improving the conditions and making several other improvements will be taken up by the special officer when he returns after training.

**Mr. P. P. Devassy (Trichur-South):** May I know whether an expert is necessary to say that a person wants a bed to sleep on.

**Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer):** Of course they have every facility to sleep.